

1 >> Governor Ducey: GOOD AFTERNOON, AND THANK YOU AGAIN  
2 FOR JOINING US FOR AN UPDATE ON ARIZONA'S RESPONSE TO  
3 COVID-19. SINCE WE LAST BRIEFED YOU, ARIZONA HAS MADE  
4 SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TOWARD IMPLEMENTING MEASURES TO  
5 INCREASE CAPACITY IN OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, BUILD PPE  
6 SUPPLIES AND CRITICAL RESOURCES AND REDUCE THE STRAIN ON  
7 DISTRIBUTION CHAIN FOR OUR LOCAL GROCERS. WE HAVE ALSO  
8 SEEN FIRSTHAND THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 WITH TWO ARIZONA  
9 LIVES LOST TO THIS VIRUS. OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO THEM AND  
10 THEIR FAMILIES. IT'S A SOBERING INDICATION OF WHAT WE

11 WILL LIKELY CONTINUE TO FACE. THE SAD REALITY IS JUST  
12 LIKE THE REST OF THE COUNTRY WE EXPECT MORE DEATHS. AND  
13 AS WE WORK TO INCREASE TESTING CAPACITY WE EXPECT MORE  
14 CONFIRMED CASES. BUT WE AREN'T STANDING BY IDLE. WE ARE  
15 WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK, 24/7, HEALTH PROFESSIONALS,  
16 EDUCATION LEADERS, WORKFORCE POLICY EXPERTS, THE PUBLIC  
17 SECTOR, THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THE NATIONAL GUARD,  
18 OPERATIONS, AND LOGISTICAL STRATEGISTS DOING ALL WE CAN TO  
19 MINIMIZE THE SPREAD AND MAXIMIZE OUR FIGHT AGAINST THIS  
20 DEADLY VIRUS. WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS. WE WANT TO SHARE  
21 THE LATEST WITH YOU TODAY. NOW, OUR ACTIONS TO DATE HAVE  
22 BEEN ON MARCH 11TH, I DECLARED A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.  
23 IN OUR EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE SPREAD AND FLATTEN THE CURVE,

24 LAST WEEK I ISSUED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER PROHIBITING DINE-IN

25 SERVICES AT RESTAURANTS AND BARS AND CLOSING MOVIE



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1 THEATERS AND GYMS. WE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH

2 SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, KATHY HOFFMAN, TO

3 SECURELY CLOSE OUR SCHOOLS WITH A PRIORITY TO MINIMIZE THE

4 IMPACTS ON OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS. AND TO KEEP OUR

5 SENIORS SAFE AND HEALTHY WE TOOK A STEP TO ENSURE THEY

6 LIMITED THEIR EXPOSURE, DELAYING EXPIRATION DATES ON

7 DRIVER'S LICENSES SO OUR ELDERLY POPULATION DOESN'T HAVE

8 TO VISIT THE MVD. WE HALTED IN-PERSON VISITATION IN STATE

9 PRISONS AT THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,  
10 RECIDIVISM AND REENTRY AND EXPANDED TELEWORK FOR EMPLOYEES  
11 ACROSS STATE GOVERNMENT WITH EXCEPTIONS FOR CRITICAL  
12 POSITIONS LIKE OUR CORRECTIONS OFFICERS, STATE TROOPERS,  
13 AND DCS CASE WORKERS. AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC  
14 SECURITY, WE PLEDGED TO CONTINUE PAYMENT TO CHILDCARE  
15 PROVIDERS DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME, ENABLING CONTINUED  
16 CARE AND ALLEVIATING THE COST BURDEN FOR LOW INCOME  
17 FAMILIES DURING THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES. AT AHCCCS, WE  
18 RECEIVED APPROVAL ON AN 1135 WAIVER FROM THE CENTERS FOR  
19 MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES TO PROTECT AGAINST ANY  
20 DISRUPTION OF CARE FOR ITS MEMBERS DURING THIS PUBLIC  
21 HEALTH EMERGENCY. WE'VE TAKEN AGGRESSIVE ACTION TO

22 PRESERVE MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND PPE BY SUSPENDING ELECTIVE  
23 SURGERIES TO FREE UP VITAL RESOURCES, GLOVES, GOWNS,  
24 MASKS, AND VENTILATORS, INCREASING CAPACITY IN OUR  
25 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. AND WE HAVE ACTIVATED THE ARIZONA



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1 NATIONAL GUARD TO PROVIDE RELIEF IN OUR FOOD DISTRIBUTION  
2 CHAINS, STOCKING SHELVES IN OUR GROCERY STORES AND  
3 ALLOWING ARIZONANS TO HAVE RELIABLE ACCESS TO FOOD AND  
4 RESOURCES AND FILL THEIR PANTRIES AND REFRIGERATORS  
5 RESPONSIBLY. WE ARE WORKING HAND IN HAND WITH THE FEDERAL  
6 GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE CDC, NIH, HHS AND FEMA. THIS

7 MORNING I JOINED A VIDEO TELECONFERENCE WITH VICE  
8 PRESIDENT PENCE, ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS, LEADERS IN THE  
9 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS AND THE  
10 STATES GOVERNORS WHERE THEY INDICATED ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE  
11 WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CDC LATER TODAY. THIS WEEKEND I  
12 WAS ON SITE FOR THE DELIVERY OF OUR STATE'S SHARE OF THE  
13 STRATEGIC NATIONAL SUPPLIES WE HAD ORDERED, AND THEY WERE  
14 DELIVERED THIS WEEKEND. ARIZONA WAS THE FIRST IN OUR FEMA  
15 REGION TO RECEIVE THIS MUCH NEEDED INVENTORY. I AM  
16 GRATEFUL TO EVERYONE ON SITE FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN  
17 BREAKING DOWN THE RESOURCES FOR DISTRIBUTION ACROSS ALL 15  
18 OF OUR COUNTIES AND TO THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST WITH  
19 PRIORITY. IT WAS AN OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF RESOURCES, BUT

20 STILL IT'S NOT ENOUGH. AS WE HAVE SEEN, COMMERCIAL  
21 PARTNERS ARE LOOKING TO BUILD CAPACITY FOR TESTING WITH  
22 BANNER HEALTH STANDING UP FOUR DRIVE-THROUGH TESTING SITES  
23 TODAY AND MORE TO COME. TO GUARANTEE OUR PUBLIC HEALTH  
24 EXPERTS GET THE DATA THEY NEED ON ACCURATELY MODEL THE  
25 SPREAD AND PLAN AHEAD, TODAY I AM ISSUING AN EXECUTIVE



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1 ORDER FOR ENHANCED SURVEILLANCE REQUIRING COMMERCIAL LABS  
2 TO PROVIDE LABORATORY SPECIMENS FOR IN DEPTH ANALYSIS AND  
3 SEQUENCING. IT WILL ALSO REQUIRE COMMERCIAL LABS TO  
4 PROVIDE DENOMINATOR DATA ON THEIR TESTING, SOMETHING THAT

5 TO THIS POINT HAS BEEN PROVIDED VOLUNTARILY BY OUR

6 COMMERCIAL LAB PARTNERS. FOR MORE ON COVID-19 CASES IN

7 ARIZONA, UPDATES ON TESTING, RESOURCES, AND HEALTHCARE

8 CAPACITY I AM GOING TO HAND IT OVER TO DR. CARA CHRIST.

9 DOCTOR.

10 >> Dr. Christ: THANK YOU, GOVERNOR. ACROSS THE COUNTRY

11 AND THE WORLD WE HAVE SEEN THE DEVASTATING IMPACTS THIS

12 VIRUS HAS ON OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN ARIZONA WE ARE FACED

13 WITH THE ALL TOO REAL REMINDERS THAT COVID-19 IS A HIGHLY

14 CONTAGIOUS, SERIOUS AND IN SOME CASES FATAL DISEASE. HERE

15 ARE THE LATEST FIGURES RELATED TO COVID-19 IN ARIZONA.

16 TODAY WE HAVE 234 CASES IN 11 COUNTIES THROUGHOUT THE

17 STATE. THERE ARE 139 CASES IN MARICOPA COUNTY, 25 IN



18 NAVAJO, 24 IN PIMA, 17 IN PINAL, 17 IN COCONINO, 3 IN  
19 YAVAPAI, 4 IN APACHE, 2 IN GRAHAM, 1 IN YUMA, 1 IN  
20 COCHISE, AND 1 IN SANTA CRUZ. TRAGICALLY WE'VE SEEN TWO  
21 LIVES LOST TO COVID-19 AND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES ARE WITH  
22 THOSE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS. OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS WE  
23 HAVE CONTINUED TO SEE THE NUMBERS CLIMB AND WE EXPECT  
24 GREATER INCREASES MOVING FORWARD. ARIZONA HAS COMMUNITY  
25 SPREAD OF COVID-19 AND AS TESTING CAPACITY INCREASES WE



1 KNOW WE WILL FIND MORE CASES. WE HAVE TAKEN AGGRESSIVE  
2 ACTION TO FOLLOW CDC GUIDANCE TO COMBAT THE SPREAD,

3 INCLUDING THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER TO PROHIBIT

4 DINE-IN SERVICE AND CLOSE ALL BARS, MOVIE THEATERS, AND

5 GYMS IN AREAS OF COMMUNITY SPREAD. WHILE TESTING CAPACITY

6 HAS INCREASED WE CONTINUE TO FACE THE NATIONAL SHORTAGE OF

7 TESTING SUPPLIES AND REAGENTS. AT THIS TIME, THERE SIMPLY

8 ARE NOT ENOUGH TESTS FOR EVERYONE WHO WANTS ONE. SO WE

9 CONTINUE TO PRIORITIZE OUR HIGH RISK POPULATIONS. TO BE

10 CLEAR, TESTING WILL NOT CHANGE YOUR TREATMENT. IT WILL

11 HAVE -- IF YOU HAVE MILD FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS, STAY HOME WHEN

12 YOU ARE SICK AND FOR 72 HOURS AFTER YOUR SYMPTOMS GO AWAY.

13 SEEK EMERGENCY CARE IF YOU HAVE EXTREME DIFFICULTY

14 BREATHING, CONSTANT PAIN OR PRESSURE IN YOUR CHEST, SEVERE

15 CONSTANT DIZZINESS, OR OTHER SERIOUS CONCERNING OR

16 WORSENING SYMPTOMS. OUR WORK WITH COMMERCIAL PARTNERS TO  
17 EXPAND TESTING AVAILABILITY IS STILL ONGOING. UNDER A  
18 STANDING ORDER THAT I HAVE ISSUED FOR THE STATE COMMERCIAL  
19 PARTNERS LIKE BANNER ARE STANDING UP DRIVE-THROUGH TESTING  
20 FACILITIES. AS GOVERNOR DUCEY DETAILED WE HAVE MADE A  
21 NUMBER OF STEPS DESIGNED TO DECREASE THE SPREAD AND I  
22 WOULD NOW LIKE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH DETAIL ON WHAT WE ARE  
23 DOING TO INCREASE CAPACITY IN OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. IN  
24 ADDITION TO THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER HALTING  
25 ELECTIVE SURGERIES IN AN ORDER TO PRESERVE PERSONAL



1 PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, VENTILATORS, AND OTHER CRITICAL  
2 MEDICAL RESOURCES WE ARE WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK TO  
3 SECURE RESOURCES IN OUR HOSPITALS. IN THE LAST FEW DAYS  
4 ALONE, WE TOOK IN A PORTION OF THE STATE'S STRATEGIC  
5 NATIONAL STOCKPILE INCLUDING 244,000 SURGICAL MASKS,  
6 60,900 N95 MASKS, 50,000 LATEX GLOVES, 26,208 FACE  
7 SHIELDS, 22,000 SURGICAL GOWNS, AND OTHER CRITICAL  
8 RESOURCES. AND WE HAVE ALREADY PLACED THE ORDER FOR THE  
9 NEXT PORTION OF ARIZONA'S STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILED  
10 SUPPLIES. ON SATURDAY, OUR REQUEST TO HHS FOR 5,000  
11 VENTILATORS MOVED TOWARD THE NEXT STEP OF APPROVAL, AND  
12 EARLIER TODAY THE FDA RELEASED GUIDANCE TO SAFELY CONVERT  
13 ANESTHESIOLOGY DEVICES USED IN OUTPATIENT PROCEDURES TO

14 VENTILATORS THAT CAN EFFECTIVELY TREAT THOSE INFECTED WITH  
15 COVID-19. WE ARE ENGAGING IN A STATEWIDE SURVEY OF OUR  
16 AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS TO IDENTIFY THESE DEVICES AND  
17 BUILD OVERALL CAPACITY OF VENTILATORS AND PPE. OVER THE  
18 WEEKEND WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH PRIVATE AND COMMERCIAL  
19 PARTNERS TO SECURE UP TO 2 MILLION N95 MASKS AND 1 MILLION  
20 SURGICAL MASKS AND 1 MILLION SURGICAL GOWNS, WITH 260,000  
21 OF THESE N95 ANTICIPATED TO BE IN ARIZONA NEXT WEEK. WE  
22 ARE EXPLORING TEMPORARY WAIVERS WITH THE MEDICAL BOARD TO  
23 ALLOW RETIRED PHYSICIANS TO BE QUICKLY RELICENSED. THIS  
24 WILL HELP US BUILD CAPACITY IN TELEMEDICINE TO REDUCE OUR  
25 EXPOSURES IN HOSPITALS AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES AND WE



1 ARE IMPLEMENTING MEASURES FOR EMT PROFESSIONALS TO REDUCE  
2 HOSPITAL BURDENS INCLUDING SCREENING MEASURES AND THE  
3 ABILITY TO PROVIDE EXPANDED SERVICES TO THOSE IN NEED. IN  
4 TERMS OF HOSPITAL RESOURCES, WE MUST CONTINUE TO INCREASE  
5 OUR BED CAPACITY. CURRENTLY THERE ARE 16,905 LICENSED  
6 HOSPITAL BEDS IN ARIZONA AND 1532 ICU LICENSED BEDS. THE  
7 ESTIMATED NEED IS RAPIDLY EVOLVING AS WE GATHER NEW DATA  
8 WITH A POTENTIAL SURGE OF COVID-19 PATIENTS ABOVE AND  
9 BEYOND OUR CURRENT CAPACITY OF BEDS. THE GOVERNOR'S  
10 EXECUTIVE ORDER TO IMPLEMENT ENHANCED SURVEILLANCE FOR  
11 INFORMATION RELATED TO COVID-19 WILL ASSIST GREATLY,

12 PROVIDING AWARENESS OF OUR HOSPITAL CAPACITY AND

13 SURGE ALLOWING US TO GET DENOMINATOR DATA ON COMMERCIAL

14 LABORATORY TESTING AND COLLECT LABORATORY SPECIMENS TO DO

15 FURTHER ANALYSIS AND SEQUENCING. ARIZONA HAS A PLAN FOR

16 INCREASING OUR HEALTHCARE CAPACITY AND WE WILL CONTINUE

17 WORKING WITH HOSPITALS TO IDENTIFY WAYS TO INCREASE THEIR

18 INTERNAL CAPACITY, INCLUDING THE USE OF TRIAGE TENTS

19 OUTSIDE OF EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, UTILIZING HOSPITAL

20 ROOMS, RECOVERY AREAS AND OTHER UNUSED PORTIONS OF

21 HOSPITALS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BEDS, AND WORKING WITH

22 HOSPITALS ON ANY WAIVER REQUESTS THEY MAY NEED IN ORDER TO

23 INCREASE THEIR INTERNAL CAPACITY. WE ARE ALSO WORKING ON

24 UTILIZING ALTERNATE CARE SITES TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL

25 CAPACITY BEYOND THE HOSPITAL, INCLUDING REACTIVATING



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1 PREEXISTING HOSPITAL SITES SUCH AS ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL,

2 CORE INSTITUTE SPECIALTY HOSPITAL AND SCOTTSDALE LIBERTY

3 HOSPITAL TO ADD BEDS, UTILIZING NONTRADITIONAL FACILITIES

4 SUCH AS AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS AND RESPIRATORY

5 TRAINING FACILITIES TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ICU CARE AND

6 USING LARGE VENUES SUCH AS THE COLISEUM TO PROVIDE STEP

7 DOWN OR RECOVERY CARE FOR THOSE WHO ARE READY TO LEAVE THE

8 HOSPITAL BUT UNABLE TO GO HOME. AND WE ARE WORKING WITH

9 DEMA TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL FEDERAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING



10 THREE FIELD HOSPITALS, TWO FOR PHOENIX AND ONE FOR TUCSON.

11 THESE EFFORTS ARE JUST A FRACTION OF THE WORK PUT IN BY MY

12 TEAM AT THE HEALTH EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER AND THE

13 SUPPORT FROM WENDY SMITH-REEVE AND THE TEAM AT THE STATE

14 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER TO BUILD CAPACITY IN OUR

15 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. AS A PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONAL I WANT

16 TO TAKE A MOMENT TO ADDRESS THE VERY REAL MENTAL HEALTH

17 IMPACT OUR CITIZENS FACE IN LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS.

18 WHETHER IT'S NUTRITIONAL IMPACTS FOR OUR CHILDREN WHO ARE

19 OUT OF SCHOOL, THE FEAR IN OUR HIGH RISK POPULATION, AND

20 THE ANXIETY OF THOSE WHO JUST MISS HUGGING THEIR PARENTS

21 AND GRANDPARENTS, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE NOT MISTAKE THE

22 RESPONSIBLE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL DISTANCING TO MEAN

23 ENCOURAGEMENT OF EMOTIONAL DISTANCING AND ISOLATION.

24 REMEMBER, EVERYONE DEALS WITH STRESS AND ANXIETY

25 DIFFERENTLY. DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES, EVERYONE CAN



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1 USE A LITTLE EXTRA COMPASSION AND KINDNESS. AND FINALLY,

2 I KNOW SOME OF YOU CHUCKLE AS I REPEAT THESE LINES, BUT

3 THEY REALLY ARE SO IMPORTANT TO ENSURE WE REDUCE THE

4 SPREAD IN ARIZONA. WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN WITH SOAP AND

5 WATER OR USE AN ALCOHOL BASED HAND SANITIZER, AVOID

6 TOUCHING YOUR EYES, NOSE, AND MOUTH WITH UNWASHED HANDS,

7 AVOID CLOSE CONTACT WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK, AND IF YOU

8 ARE SICK PLEASE STAY HOME. COVER YOUR COUGH OR SNEEZE  
9 WITH A TISSUE AND IMMEDIATELY THROW THAT TISSUE IN THE  
10 TRASH. CLEAN AND DISINFECT FREQUENTLY TOUCHED OBJECTS AND  
11 SURFACES, AND IF YOU NEED TO SEE A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER  
12 CONSIDER USING TELEMEDICINE. STAY HOME WHENEVER POSSIBLE  
13 AND AVOID CROWDS OF TEN OR MORE PEOPLE. IT IS BEST TO  
14 KEEP SIX FEET BETWEEN YOU AND OTHERS WHEN YOU ARE IN  
15 PUBLIC. AVOID SOCIAL VISITS, SHOPPING TRIPS, AND  
16 DISCRETIONARY TRAVEL. DO NOT VISIT NURSING HOMES OR  
17 LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES UNLESS YOU ARE PROVIDING  
18 CRITICAL ASSISTANCE. AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING  
19 EVERYWHERE. WITH THAT, I WILL HAND IT BACK TO GOVERNOR

20 DUCEY.

21 >> Governor Ducey: THANK YOU, DR. CHRIST, FOR THE WORK

22 YOU AND YOUR TEAM HAVE DONE TO PRESERVE PUBLIC HEALTH AND

23 PREPARE FOR WHAT'S TO COME. I ALSO WANT TO SAY A BIG

24 THANK YOU AND SHOUT OUT TO WENDY SMITH-REEVE WITH THE

25 DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL MICK MCGUIRE



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1 WITH THE ARIZONA NATIONAL GUARD. I AM GRATEFUL FOR THEIR

2 COMMITMENT AND LEADERSHIP AND FOR THE WORK OF YOUR

3 DEDICATED TEAMS WORKING TOGETHER TO COMBAT COVID-19. MANY

4 OF YOU HAVE ASKED IF OR WHEN THE STATE WILL MOVE TOWARDS A

5 STAY-AT-HOME POLICY. THE ANSWER IS NOT AT THIS TIME. WE

6 ARE FOLLOWING THE FACTS RELATED SPECIFICALLY TO THE STATE  
7 OF ARIZONA. THE CDC ISN'T THERE YET. ARIZONA IS NOT  
8 THERE YET. WE ARE NOT AT THE SAME STAGE AS OTHER STATES,  
9 AND TODAY ON A CALL WITH THE STATES GOVERNORS FROM AROUND  
10 THE COUNTRY, THE VICE PRESIDENT MADE IT CLEAR THERE HAVE  
11 BEEN NO DISCUSSIONS ABOUT A NATIONWIDE LOCKDOWN BY THE  
12 PRESIDENT'S CORONAVIRUS TASK FORCE. AS I TRAVEL AROUND  
13 THE STATE IT'S OBVIOUS THAT CITIZENS AROUND THE STATE ARE  
14 ALREADY STAYING AT HOME AND ACTING RESPONSIBLY. THERE'S  
15 EMPTY STREETS AND EMPTY SIDEWALKS AND TRAFFIC FREE  
16 HIGHWAYS. BUT WE ALL KNOW THE RISKS. THE VIRUS IS MOST  
17 HARMFUL TO THOSE WE LOVE THE MOST, OUR GRANDPARENTS AND

18 OUR PARENTS. ALL OF US SHOULD HEED THE ADVICE OF PUBLIC  
19 HEALTH OFFICIALS. THESE ARE UNPRECEDENTED TIMES, AND OUR  
20 APPROACH HAS BEEN TO PROCEED WITH A CALM AND STEADY MANNER  
21 AND WITH A SENSE OF URGENCY AND TO PROVIDE CERTAINTY  
22 WHEREVER POSSIBLE. TO THAT END, TODAY I AM ISSUING  
23 ANOTHER EXECUTIVE ORDER FOR THE EMPLOYERS, FAMILIES AND  
24 CITIZENS ACROSS THE STATE THAT DETAILS WHAT ARE ESSENTIAL  
25 SERVICES. AGAIN, WE ARE NOT IMPLEMENTING A SO-CALLED



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1 SHELTER-IN-PLACE POLICY AS OTHER STATES HAVE DONE. THIS  
2 IS A PROACTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURE THAT ENSURES  
3 THAT THE STATE HAS ONE CONSISTENT OVERARCHING POLICY THAT

4 IS BASED ON CDC AND PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE SO THAT THE  
5 PEOPLE OF ARIZONA ACROSS ALL JURISDICTIONS, CITIES, AND  
6 COUNTIES HAVE CLARITY AND CONSISTENCY. IT'S MY HOPE THAT  
7 WE STOP THE SPREAD, PROTECT OUR ECONOMY AND MITIGATE THE  
8 NEED FOR FURTHER ACTION, BUT THIS ORDER WILL ALLOW WORKERS  
9 AND EMPLOYERS TO RESPONSIBLY PLAN FOR WHAT THINGS LOOK  
10 LIKE IN THE WEEKS AHEAD. WE'VE HAD TO MAKE SOME TOUGH  
11 DECISIONS, DECISIONS DESIGNED TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH.  
12 DECISIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TOUGH FOR OUR WORKFORCE, SMALL  
13 BUSINESS OWNERS, AND FAMILIES. I WANT TO THANK ALL  
14 ARIZONANS FOR THEIR COOPERATION DURING THIS TIME. WE KNOW  
15 THIS IS CREATING ECONOMIC CHALLENGES AND THEY ARE ONES

16 THAT WE WILL BE ADDRESSING IN THE DAYS, WEEKS, AND MONTHS  
17 AHEAD. OUR COMMITMENT TO ARIZONA IS TWOFOLD, PROTECTING  
18 PUBLIC HEALTH AND OUR ECONOMY. WE ARE ALL IN ON BOTH, AND  
19 WITH THAT I WILL OPEN IT UP TO QUESTIONS.  
20 >> HOWIE.  
21 >> LET'S START OFF WITH WHERE YOU LEFT OFF ABOUT THE  
22 ECONOMIC CHALLENGES. THE LEGISLATURE DID APPROVE THE  
23 CONTINGENCY BUDGET, 50 MILLION FOR YOU TO USE AT YOUR  
24 DISCRETION, BUT THE FACT IS EVEN WITH WHAT UTILITIES ARE  
25 DOING PEOPLE ARE IN DANGER OF BEING THROWN OUT OF THEIR



1 APARTMENTS, THEIR HOMES, HAVING THEIR CARS REPOSSESSED.



2 WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT ALL OF THAT?

3 >> Governor Ducey: SO OUR FOCUS HAS BEEN FIRST AND

4 FOREMOST ON THE URGENCY OF THIS ISSUE OF COVID-19 WITH THE

5 FRAMEWORK OF LET'S DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO STOP THE

6 SPREAD, TO AVOID ARIZONAN'S CONTRACTING THIS DISEASE.

7 SECONDLY, FOR THOSE THAT HAVE IT, THOSE THAT ARE INFECTED,

8 WE WANT THEM TO HAVE THE PROPER CARE, WE WANT THEM TO HAVE

9 THE PROPER COMFORT, WE WANT US TO HAVE THE PROPER HOSPITAL

10 CAPACITY THAT'S NECESSARY. THIRD, WE ARE FOCUSED ON THOSE

11 THAT ARE ON THE FRONT LINES, THE DOCTORS, THE NURSES, THE

12 EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS, THE FIRST RESPONDERS, THAT

13 THEY HAVE THE PROTECTION. THAT'S THE GLOVES, GOWNS, THE

14 MASKS, THE PPE. AND WE CARE ABOUT THE PEOPLE THAT ARE  
15 BEING AFFECTED THAT ARE LIVING PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK. I  
16 MEAN, THAT IS AN OVERWHELMING CONCERN OF WHAT WE ARE  
17 DOING. I APPLAUD OUR LEGISLATURE OPERATING IN A  
18 BIPARTISAN FASHION TO GET DOLLARS TO THE GOVERNOR'S  
19 OFFICE. WE ARE ALSO WORKING ON AN ECONOMIC PROTECTION  
20 PLAN. IT'S 14 PAGES LONG RIGHT NOW, WE WORKED ON IT ALL  
21 WEEKEND, AND THAT'S GOING TO BE FOR A PRESS CONFERENCE IN  
22 THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. LIKE I SAID, THE PRIORITY AND FOCUS  
23 FIRST AND FOREMOST HAS BEEN PUBLIC HEALTH, BUT WE ALSO  
24 REALIZE WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE ECONOMY AND WE KNOW WE NEED  
25 TO ADDRESS THAT.



1 >> LET ME JUST QUICK FOLLOWUP TO THAT POINT. IF YOU HAVE  
2 PEOPLE WHO ARE EVICTED FROM THEIR HOMES AND LIVING ON THE  
3 STREET, YOU ACTUALLY COMPLICATE THE PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM.  
4 IT SEEMS LIKE YOU NEED IMMEDIATE ACTION NOW TO KEEP PEOPLE  
5 WHO ARE RIGHT NOW COMING UP ON HAVING THEIR MORTGAGES DUE,  
6 HAVING THEIR RENT DUE. WHAT ARE WE DOING RIGHT NOW?  
7 >> Governor Ducey: WE ARE GOING TO HAVE MORE TO FOLLOW UP  
8 ON WHAT WE ARE DOING. THE \$50 MILLION THAT THE  
9 LEGISLATURE PUT FORWARD IS GOING TO ALLOW US TO WORK WITH  
10 THE MOST VULNERABLE. IT'S OUR INTENTION AND WE WILL BE  
11 STRETCHING AND STRENGTHENING THE SAFETY NET OF THE STATE

12 AND I'M HOPEFUL THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS CAN PASS

13 THE LEGISLATION THAT'S ON THEIR DESK. I THINK IT'S

14 DISGRACEFUL WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND I

15 DON'T KNOW HOW ANY UNITED STATES SENATOR COULD JUSTIFY

16 VOTING AGAINST THAT PACKAGE. I'M PROUD OF WHAT'S

17 HAPPENING HERE. I WILL APPLAUD THE BIPARTISAN LEADERSHIP

18 THAT WE HAVE HAD. CHARLENE FERNANDEZ, DAVID BRADLEY,

19 RUSTY BOWERS, AND KAREN FANN, YOU HAVE SEEN WHAT KATHY

20 HOFFMAN HAS DONE REGARDING SCHOOLS AND WHAT KATIE HOBBS

21 HAS DONE SO WE CAN ALLOW DEMOCRACY TO FUNCTION. THAT'S

22 HOW WE WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE IN ARIZONA.

23 >> STEPHANIE.

24 >> WHAT ABOUT THE PPE, YOU'VE GOT DOCTORS AND NURSES

25 POSTING ON SOCIAL MEDIA THAT THEY CANNOT WEAR MASKS AT



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1 WORK AND NOW COCONINO COUNTY SAYS IT MAY HAVE TO SHUT ITS

2 TESTING DOWN BECAUSE OF A LACK OF PPE. WHEN ARE WE GOING

3 TO GET UP TO THE LEVEL WHERE THERE'S ENOUGH?

4 >> Dr. Christ: AS WE LOOK AT THE PPE AND EVALUATE THE

5 STATE'S NEEDS, THAT STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE SHOULD BE

6 OUT IN OUR COUNTIES TODAY. THEY WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE

7 THE PPE, THE MASKS AND THE GOWNS THAT WE GOT OVER THE

8 WEEKEND TO OUR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND OUR

9 COMMUNITIES. THAT STILL WON'T BE ENOUGH. THAT'S WHY WE

10 WERE LOOKING AND WORKING WITH THOSE PRIVATE PUBLIC

11 PARTNERSHIPS AND OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO IDENTIFY RAPID

12 WAYS THAT WE COULD GET ADDITIONAL MASKS. AND SO THAT IS

13 ONE OF THE THINGS THAT -- TO GET 260,000 MASKS HERE NEXT

14 WEEK, THAT WAS QUITE AN ACCOMPLISHMENT. SO WE'RE VERY

15 EXCITED ABOUT THAT, BUT WE WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR

16 ADDITIONAL PPE.

17 >> SO YOU ARE HOPING THE PRIVATE SECTOR STEPS IN AND WORKS

18 WITH YOU TO GET UP TO THE LEVEL WE NEED TO BE AT?

19 >> Dr. Christ: YES. SO THE PRIVATE SECTOR SHOULD ALSO BE

20 LOOKING FOR AVENUES IN HOW TO SUPPLY THE PPE WITHIN THEIR

21 FACILITIES AND WE WILL SUPPORT BY TRYING TO IDENTIFY THAT

22 FROM A STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL AS WELL.

23 >> JJ.

24 >> GOVERNOR, YOU WROTE A LETTER TO THE DEFENSE SECRETARY

25 SAYING YOU ANTICIPATE NEEDING UP TO 5500 MEMBERS OF THE



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1 GUARD AND THEY WILL BE INVOLVED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT,

2 BUILDING HOSPITAL TENTS. WE HEARD FROM YOU LAST WEEK THAT

3 THEIR MISSION FOCUSED ON GROCERY STORES. WHAT IS THE

4 MISSION OF THE GUARD?

5 >> Governor Ducey: WELL, THE MISSION OF THE NATIONAL

6 GUARD IS TO HELP THE STATE IN ITS TIMES OF GREATEST NEED,

7 DEPENDING ON WHAT THE GOVERNOR DETERMINES OR DIRECTS.

8 LAST WEEK AND I THINK STILL THIS WEEK IT WAS IN  
9 REPLENISHING OUR GROCERY STORES. WE HAVE A SUPPLY CHAIN  
10 THAT'S WORKING. IT TYPICALLY TAKES TWO STORES TO RESTOCK  
11 A GROCERY STORE. AT THIS TIME LAST WEEK IT WAS 12 TRUCKS  
12 TO REPLENISH A GROCERY STORE. WE WANT TO SURGE THE GUARD  
13 TO BE THE LAST MILE TO GET THOSE SHELVES REPLENISHED.  
14 THEY ARE NOT GOING TO BE GROCERY STORE WORKERS. THEY ARE  
15 GOING TO -- THEY CLOSED THE GAP IN TERMS OF WHAT WAS  
16 MISSING IN THAT LAST PIECE OF IT. NOW THE GROCERY STORES  
17 ARE HIRING. WE ARE GOING TO EMPLOY THE GUARD AS NEEDED.  
18 YOU HEARD DR. CHRIST TALK ABOUT THE HEALTHCARE NEEDS THAT  
19 WE HAVE AROUND TEMPORARY HOSPITALS, ET CETERA. SO THEY  
20 ARE GOING TO BE FLEXIBLE. THEY ARE THE BEST AT WHAT THEY



21 DO. AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR WHAT THEY DO. I ALSO WANT TO  
22 SAY REGARDING OUR GROCERY STORES AND OUR GROCERS THAT HAVE  
23 BEEN WORKING SO HARD AND THE PEOPLE INSIDE OUR GROCERY  
24 STORES THAT HAVE BEEN SCRUBBING AND CLEANING AND  
25 REPLENISHING THESE SHELVES, THESE EMPLOYERS ARE HIRING AT



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1 THIS TIME. AND IF YOU ARE GOING TO GO SHOPPING, BUY A  
2 WEEK'S WORTH OF GROCERIES ONCE A WEEK. IF YOU DO THAT YOU  
3 CAN COME BACK THE NEXT WEEK AND THE SHELVES WILL BE FULL.  
4 >> SO IS THE GUARD INVOLVED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT? WILL  
5 THEY BE INVOLVED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT?

6 >> Governor Ducey: THE GUARD RIGHT NOW IS INVOLVED IN  
7 REPLENISHING OUR GROCERY STORES.  
8 >> NICOLE.  
9 >> WE ARE TALKING ABOUT STOPPING THE SPREAD. IT APPEARS  
10 ARIZONA HAS ABANDONED SOME OF THE CONTAINMENT STRATEGIES  
11 IN FAVOR OF SLOWING THE SPREAD. BUSINESSES ARE STILL  
12 OPEN, PARKS ARE SEEING RECORD NUMBERS. WHAT IS BEING DONE  
13 TO SLOW THE SPREAD AS PEOPLE ARE CRAVING A RESPONSE ON HOW  
14 YOU ARE DOING IT AND WHEN WILL YOU BE MORE AGGRESSIVE TO  
15 SLOW THE SPREAD?  
16 >> Governor Ducey: WELL, I WANT TO THANK ARIZONANS FOR  
17 THEIR COOPERATION. WE HAVE THROUGH EXECUTIVE ORDER, OF  
18 COURSE, SHUT DOWN ALL DINE-IN BUSINESS THAT'S BEEN GOING

19 ON, ENCOURAGE TAKE-OUT. WE HAVE PUT THE EXECUTIVE ORDERS  
20 AS NECESSARY WITH THE GUIDANCE OF CDC AND THE ARIZONA  
21 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO  
22 CONTINUE TO GUIDE OUR DIRECTION. THIS IS LIKE I SAID LAST  
23 WEEK, THIS IS SOMETHING WE SHOULD THINK OF AS A MARATHON,  
24 NOT A SPRINT. WE SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OTHER PLACES.  
25 WE ARE FOCUSED ON THE STATE OF ARIZONA, WHAT OUR NUMBER OF



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1 CASES ARE, WHAT OUR LEVEL OF SPREAD AND RISK IS, AND WE  
2 ARE PUTTING THE APPROPRIATE RESTRICTIONS AT THAT TIME.  
3 AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO ESCALATE AS NECESSARY.

4 >> YOU STILL HAVE SOME BUSINESSES LIKE INTEL IN CHANDLER  
5 WITH 400 PEOPLE GETTING TOGETHER TO EAT AT A LUNCH TABLE.  
6 YOU HAVE PARKS, THOUGH, WITH --  
7 >> Governor Ducey: WE HAVE ISSUED GUIDANCE. WE WANT  
8 PEOPLE TO SOCIAL DISTANCE. I THINK A BETTER WAY TO THINK  
9 OF THAT IS TO PHYSICALLY DISTANCE. I WAS WITH DR. BOBBY  
10 ROBBINS OF THE U OF A LAST WEEK, AND HE SAID, YOU KNOW,  
11 YOU WANT TO BE AT LEAST AN ARM LENGTH AWAY. THAT'S NOT  
12 QUITE SIX FEET, BUT YOU INCREASE YOUR LEVEL OF SAFETY. SO  
13 WE WANT PEOPLE TO DO THAT. WHAT I HAVE SEEN IS A LOT OF  
14 PEOPLE BEING RESPONSIBLE, SEE PEOPLE TAKING THIS MORE  
15 SERIOUSLY AND UNDERSTANDING THE ISSUE. AND WE ARE GOING  
16 TO CONTINUE TO DO THAT. AND LIKE I SAID, USE THE

17 EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND THE POWERS OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

18 APPROPRIATELY.

19 >> DENNIS AND THEN WE CAN COME BACK.

20 >> I JUST WANT TO CIRCLE BACK TO THE BUDGET AGREEMENT

21 THAT WAS JUST PASSED OVER IN THE HOUSE, OBVIOUSLY

22 \$50 MILLION IN YOUR DISCRETION. THERE'S SOME CHANGES IN

23 THE REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND

24 WHATNOT, HOWEVER THE PAYMENT IS STILL CAPPED AT \$240 A

25 WEEK. WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS WITH THAT? DO YOU PLAN TO



1 INCREASE THAT MARGIN THAT HAS BEEN THERE SINCE THE EARLY

2 2000S?

3 >> Governor Ducey: SO WHAT OUR THINKING IS GOING TO BE ON  
4 THE ECONOMIC PACKAGE THAT WE PUT FORWARD IS WE WANT TO  
5 FOCUS ON THE MOST VULNERABLE AND THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN  
6 DISPLACED BECAUSE OF THIS VIRUS AND THE SHUTDOWNS THAT  
7 HAVE HAPPENED AROUND THIS VIRUS. SO THE FOCUS IS GOING TO  
8 BE ON INDIVIDUALS, IT'S GOING TO BE ON SMALL AND MEDIUM  
9 BUSINESSES. WE ARE GOING TO BE -- WE EXPECT LARGE  
10 BUSINESSES TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION. IN A TIME LIKE  
11 THIS WHEN YOU HAVE THIS CLIFF AND IMMEDIATE RECESSION THAT  
12 WE ARE FACING, IT IS THE ONGOING PAYMENTS THAT ARE MOST  
13 BURDENSOME FOR PEOPLE. AND THAT'S WHAT WE WANT TO  
14 ADDRESS. AND WHEN I HAVE MORE SPECIFICS ON HOW WE ARE

15 GOING TO DO THAT AND THE TOTALITY OF THE PACKAGE, YOU WILL  
16 KNOW. LIKE I SAID, THE FIRST FOCUS HAS BEEN PUBLIC HEALTH  
17 TO DATE AND THAT'S BEEN SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN ALL HANDS  
18 ON DECK.

19 >> BUT PEOPLE ARE GETTING VERY WORRIED ON ECONOMIC  
20 ANXIETY RIGHT NOW, AND THEY ARE LOOKING FOR YOU AND THEY  
21 ARE LOOKING --

22 >> Governor Ducey: AND WE ARE WORKING AT THE STATE LEVEL  
23 AND WE WILL BE WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP AT THE FEDERAL  
24 LEVEL. WE ARE CERTAINLY WORKING WITH THE ADMINISTRATION,  
25 WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, AND NOW IF THE U.S.



1 SENATE CAN DO THE RIGHT THING AND GET THIS PASSED WE WOULD  
2 HAVE SOME CLARITY AS TO WHAT THE FEDERAL AND STATE  
3 COMBINATION WOULD BE.

4 >> WE HAD THE SAD STORY OF A CITY OF PHOENIX EMPLOYEE WHO  
5 DIED OUR FIRST DEATH. WE ARE NOW LEARNING HE TRIED TO GET  
6 HELP AT URGENT CARE, TRIED TO GET A TEST AT URGENT CARE,  
7 AND COULDN'T GET IT. THAT'S ACCORDING TO HIS FAMILY. HE  
8 DIED JUST A FEW DAYS LATER. HOW ARE WE IN SITUATIONS  
9 WHERE A MAN WHO WOULD DIE JUST A FEW DAYS AFTER BEING  
10 REJECTED FOR A TEST AT URGENT CARE?

11 >> Governor Ducey: I WILL LET DR. CHRIST --

12 >> SIR, I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THAT.



13 >> Governor Ducey: WELL, LISTEN, I THINK THAT ANY OF  
14 THESE DEATHS AROUND THIS INFECTIOUS DISEASE ARE TRAGIC. I  
15 WANT TO SEE EVERYONE HAVE THE ABILITY TO GET A TEST,  
16 CERTAINLY THOSE THAT ARE SYMPTOMATIC AND SICK AND HAVE THE  
17 CONDITIONS OF THE GENTLEMAN THAT PASSED. BECAUSE HE DID  
18 HAVE UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS. HE SHOULD HAVE ACCESS  
19 TO THAT. DR. CHRIST HAS ADDRESSED WHAT WE ARE DOING  
20 AROUND THESE TESTS, HOW WE HAVE EXPANDED OUR TESTING  
21 CAPABILITY, HOW WE HAVE FOUR AREAS AND LOCATIONS RIGHT NOW  
22 FOR DRIVE-THROUGH TESTING AND WE ARE GRATEFUL TO BANNER  
23 FOR DOING THAT. AND BEYOND THAT, I WANT TO SAY THAT THE  
24 PEOPLE THAT ARE MOST VULNERABLE FOR THE WORST OUTCOMES

25 WITH THIS DISEASE ARE THOSE OF A CERTAIN AGE CATEGORY WITH



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1 UNDERLYING HEALTH DISEASES. THAT'S WHY WE ARE SAYING TO

2 PEOPLE IN THAT MOST VULNERABLE CATEGORY TO STAY AT HOME.

3 IF YOU ARE SICK, STAY AT HOME. IF YOU DO, YOU KNOW, HAVE

4 TO LEAVE, IT SHOULD BE FOR -- WELL, YOU SHOULDN'T LEAVE.

5 YOU SHOULD BE GETTING SOMEONE TO HELP YOU OUT ON SOME OF

6 THE ESSENTIALS AND WE WILL CONTINUE.

7 >> BUT, AGAIN, HOW DOES THIS HAPPEN? BECAUSE WE HEAR

8 STORIES OF PEOPLE BEING DENIED ALL THE TIME FOR TESTS AND

9 THEY ARE -- THEY DO HAVE SYMPTOMS AND HERE IS SOMEBODY --

10 >> Governor Ducey: WE HAVE EXPANDED OUR TESTING --

11 >> -- WHO WAS NEAR DEATH AND WE COULDN'T GET A TEST. WE  
12 HAVE BEEN TOLD BY THE PRESIDENT IF YOU WANT A TEST, YOU  
13 WILL GET A TEST. THERE'S THOUSANDS OF TESTS. HOW DOES  
14 THIS HAPPEN?

15 >> Governor Ducey: WE HAVE TOLD YOU WHAT THE FACTS ARE IN  
16 THE STATE OF ARIZONA, WHERE WE WERE ON TESTING AND HOW WE  
17 HAVE EXPANDED TESTING AND HOW WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND  
18 TESTING, AND I AM CONFIDENT IN WHAT WE HAVE SHARED WITH  
19 YOU AND THE DIRECTION THAT WE ARE HEADED IN. THERE IS A  
20 SURGE OF NEED FOR ALL OF THESE THINGS FROM TESTING TO  
21 HOSPITAL CAPACITY, TO PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT. WE  
22 HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ADDRESS EACH COMPONENT OF IT AND IMPROVE

23 IT. SOMEBODY SAID WHEN YOU HAVE WHAT YOU NEED -- I DON'T

24 THINK THERE WILL BE A POINT IN TIME RIGHT NOW WHERE WE

25 WILL CHECK A BOX AND SAY THAT WE HAVE WHAT WE NEED. IT



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1 WILL BE WHAT WILL WE NEED, WHAT MORE WILL WE NEED, HOW DO

2 WE ANTICIPATE WHAT THOSE ARE, THAT'S WHY I HAVE BEEN

3 WORKING WITH DR. CHRIST AND HEALTH SERVICES EVERY MORNING

4 IS LET'S SHARE WITH THE PEOPLE IN A TIMELY AND TRANSPARENT

5 WAY WHERE WE ARE, WHAT WE NEED TO GET TO AND ALL THE

6 ACTIONS THAT WE ARE TAKING BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE

7 PRIVATE SECTOR TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

8 >> I ASKED THIS QUESTION LAST WEEK, I WILL ASK IT AGAIN

9 TODAY. THE MAYOR OF YUMA SAYS WE DON'T HAVE ANY TESTS.

10 MOHAVE COUNTY, HARDLY ANY TESTS. YAVAPAI COUNTY, HARDLY

11 ANY TESTS. I THINK I HEARD YOU SAY WE GOT FOCUSED ON

12 URBAN AREAS, BUT HOW DO YOU LEAVE RURAL ARIZONA OUT OF

13 THIS?

14 >> Governor Ducey: WE ARE NOT LEAVING RURAL ARIZONA OUT

15 OF THIS. WE ARE GOING TO PLACES WHERE WE HAVE THE HIGHEST

16 SPREAD, THE MOST NUMBER OF CASES. AND JUST LIKE THE

17 PICTURES THAT YOU SAW FROM THIS WEEKEND, OF COURSE IN

18 MARICOPA COUNTY THE SIZE OF THE PALLET IS GOING TO BE MUCH

19 LARGER BECAUSE OF THE POPULATION OF MARICOPA COUNTY. BUT

20 WE HAVE 15 COUNTIES IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA. WE HAVE

21 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GOING OUT TO ALL 15 COUNTIES

22 AND WE WILL ADDRESS TESTING THE SAME WAY. CARA, DO YOU

23 WANT TO TALK --

24 >> Dr. Christ: TO GO BACK TO THE INITIAL QUESTION ABOUT

25 THE PATIENT. SO I DON'T WANT TO MONDAY MORNING



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1 QUARTERBACK ANY PHYSICIAN IN OUR COMMUNITY BECAUSE THEY

2 ARE ALL DOING WHAT THEY CAN DURING THIS OUTBREAK.

3 HOWEVER, A TEST RESULT, WHETHER IT WAS POSITIVE OR

4 NEGATIVE SHOULD NOT HAVE CHANGED THAT INDIVIDUAL'S

5 CLINICAL TREATMENT. SHOULD HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED FROM AN

6 URGENT CARE, AND I HAVE NOT REVIEWED THE CARE, BUT WITH

7 INSTRUCTIONS THAT IF YOU DEVELOP SHORTNESS OF BREATH, IF  
8 YOUR FEVER WORSENS, IF YOUR SYMPTOMS WORSEN YOU SHOULD  
9 RETURN TO HEALTHCARE TO GET FURTHER EVALUATED. I AM  
10 ASSUMING THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WAS NOT IN NEED OF  
11 HOSPITALIZATION WHEN THEY WERE AT THE URGENT CARE OR HAD  
12 SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS THAT WOULD HAVE PROMPTED THAT PHYSICIAN  
13 TO REFER THEM AND ADMIT THEM TO THE HOSPITAL. SO IT'S  
14 HARD TO SAY, BUT THEY SHOULD HAVE -- WHETHER IT WAS FLU,  
15 WHETHER IT WAS CORONA, THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN TREATED THE  
16 SAME AND THEIR SYMPTOMS MANAGED. GOING ON TO TESTING, WE  
17 DO KNOW THAT COMMERCIAL TESTING IS TAKING PART IN ALL  
18 PARTS OF THE STATE. SO WE ARE REVIEWING WHERE THOSE LAB

19 TESTS ARE BEING ORDERED COMMERCIALY, WE ARE SEEING THEM  
20 IN KINGMAN, IN YUMA, AND OTHER PARTS OF THE STATE. IF  
21 PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS CONTACTED BY A PHYSICIAN WHO  
22 THEY BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE REALLY A HIGH RISK PATIENT, WE  
23 WILL GIVE THEM THE SUPPLIES THAT THEY NEED TO TEST THAT  
24 PATIENT. WE SEND IT FROM THE STATE LAB TO THEIR  
25 FACILITIES.



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1 >> DR. CHRIST, OF THOSE WHO TESTED POSITIVE, IS THERE A  
2 NUMBER OF THOSE THAT HAVE RECOVERED AND THERE ARE NOT TEST  
3 KITS TO TEST EVERYBODY?  
4 >> Dr. Christ: SO THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH TEST KITS RIGHT



5 NOW TO TEST EVERYBODY WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE TESTED. WE ARE  
6 PRIORITIZING THE HIGH RISK PATIENTS AND PATIENTS WITH  
7 SYMPTOMS. AND OUT OF THOSE PATIENTS WITH SYMPTOMS,  
8 PRIORITIZING THOSE HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS. I DON'T HAVE  
9 THE FIGURES BECAUSE SO MANY OF THE LABS NOW ARE COMING IN  
10 THROUGH THE COMMERCIAL LABS, I DON'T HAVE THEIR CURRENT  
11 STATUS OR FOLLOWUP.  
12 >> LINDA.  
13 >> GOVERNOR, WHAT I HEAR MOST FROM PEOPLE IS AN ANXIETY  
14 ABOUT WHY HAVEN'T WE ISSUED A SHELTER-IN-PLACE ORDER. YOU  
15 SAY THAT ARIZONA IS NOT THERE YET. WITHOUT TESTS, HOW  
16 DOES -- WE DON'T KNOW WHERE WE ARE. HOW CAN WE MAKE SUCH

17 A HUGE DECISION WITH SUCH A HUGE LACK OF INFORMATION?

18 >> Governor Ducey: LINDA, THANK YOU. WHAT I WANT TO DO

19 IS EVERYTHING I CAN TO ALLEVIATE PEOPLE'S FEAR AND

20 CONCERNS. I KNOW THAT THE ANXIETY IS OUT THERE, AND IT IS

21 VERY REAL. THERE IS TESTING GOING ON. WE NEED ADDITIONAL

22 TESTING GOING ON. AND I AM FOLLOWING THE GUIDANCE OF THE

23 CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION. WE HAVE BEEN

24 HAND IN GLOVE AND IN LOCKSTEP SINCE MARCH 11TH, AND WE

25 WILL CONTINUE TO BE THAT WAY. I THINK YOU WANT SOMEONE



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1 WHO IS SURROUNDING THEMSELVES WITH SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS

2 AND LISTENING, AND THAT'S WHAT I'M GOING TO CONTINUE TO DO

3 TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA,

4 WHICH IS IN A DIFFERENT SITUATION THAN OTHER STATES.

5 >> PETER AND THEN NICOLE HERE.

6 >> WHAT BUSINESSES ARE ESSENTIAL OR NONESSENTIAL IN THIS

7 POINT AND HOW WILL YOU BE OUTLINING THEM IN YOUR EXECUTIVE

8 ORDER COMING UP?

9 >> Governor Ducey: YOU WILL SEE IN THE EXECUTIVE ORDER.

10 THE EXECUTIVE ORDER WILL BE GOING UP. WE LOOKED OF COURSE

11 AT CDC RECOMMENDATIONS, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND WE ARE WATCHING

12 WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE COUNTRY. SOME OTHER STATES

13 ARE IN A MUCH DIFFERENT POSITION, WELL BEFORE ARIZONA IS

14 IN THAT POSITION. SO WE ARE TRYING TO APPLY BEST

15 PRACTICES AND ANY LEARNING SO THAT WE CAN LOWER THE

16 SPREAD, LESSEN THE CONSEQUENCES, AND WE HAVE DONE THE SAME

17 THING WITH THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER.

18 >> BUT NO TIMELINE AS TO WHEN THIS LIST OF BUSINESSES WILL

19 BE RELEASED?

20 >> Governor Ducey: YES. IT IS GOING TO BE THIS

21 AFTERNOON. AND IT IS NOT A LIST OF BUSINESSES.

22 >> YEAH.

23 >> SO JUST FOLLOWING UP REALLY QUICKLY ON THAT. THIS IS A

24 LIST THAT SHOULD YOU DECIDE TO ISSUE AN ORDER TO REMAIN IN

25 PLACE, THIS IS THE CONTINGENT --



1 >> Governor Ducey: THIS IS A PROACTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE

2 STEP.

3 >> NICOLE AND THEN WE WILL WRAP IT UP WITH JJ.

4 >> [INAUDIBLE].

5 >> Governor Ducey: IT IS WHAT I SAID IT WAS, PROACTIVE

6 AND ADMINISTRATIVE. IT IS TO PROVIDE CLARITY. IT IS SO

7 THAT PEOPLE IN THESE SITUATIONS CAN PLAN AHEAD. LIKE I

8 SAID, WE WILL HOPE FOR THE BEST, BUT WE ARE GOING TO

9 PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL ESCALATION OF THIS. AND THAT'S WHAT

10 THIS IS.

11 >> NICOLE AND THEN WRAP UP WITH JJ.

12 >> DR. CHRIST, WE KNOW THAT TESTS RIGHT NOW, THERE'S

13 ABOUT A 3 TO 5-DAY DELAY BECAUSE OF THE LAPSE IN TIME FOR

14 YOU GUYS TO GET TO YOUR OFFICE. A MAN DIED ON TUESDAY,

15 HIS RESULTS WERE THREE DAYS LATER ON FRIDAY WHEN IT WAS

16 CONFIRMED. PEOPLE LITERALLY ARE DYING NOW. WHY ARE WE

17 NOT WORKING TO SLOW THE SPREAD MORE AGGRESSIVE IF PEOPLE

18 ARE DYING? IS IT GOING TO TAKE MORE DEATHS? AND WHAT

19 WILL CHANGE THE AGGRESSIVE APPROACH TO SLOWING AND

20 STOPPING THE SPREAD?

21 >> Dr. Christ: SO WITH THE EXECUTIVE ORDERS THAT WERE

22 PLACED LAST WEEK WITH CLOSING DINE-IN OPTIONS, BARS, MOVIE

23 THEATERS, THOSE -- AND GYMS, THAT WILL SLOW THE SPREAD.

24 WE WILL SEE DECREASED SPREAD. WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO

25 STAY AT HOME TO ASSIST WITH THAT DECREASING THAT SPREAD.



1 WHAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO IS MONITOR AND IDENTIFY. SO  
2 WE HAVEN'T FULLY MOVED TO A MITIGATION STRATEGY. OUR  
3 COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS ARE FOCUSING THEIR RESOURCES ON  
4 CONTAINMENT AT HIGH RISK AREAS. SO IF WE HAVE A CASE THAT  
5 MIGHT POTENTIALLY, AND I AM JUST GIVING AN EXAMPLE BECAUSE  
6 I DON'T HAVE ANY IN MY HEAD, BUT IF WE HAD A CASE IN A  
7 NURSING HOME THAT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WOULD BE FULL  
8 ON CONTAINMENT IN THAT NURSING HOME TO TRY TO PREVENT  
9 SPREAD THERE. SOME OF THE COMMUNITY SPREAD WE ARE AT A  
10 MITIGATION LEVEL SO TO FOLLOW EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THOSE

11 CASES IS JUST NOT GOING TO MAKE SENSE FROM A PUBLIC HEALTH

12 STANDPOINT.

13 >> SO, ONE, YOU GUYS WON'T BE SENDING PEOPLE OUT TO NOTIFY

14 PEOPLE ANYMORE BECAUSE THE CASE NUMBER IS GROWING?

15 >> Dr. Christ: IT WOULD DEPEND. IT WOULD DEPEND ON THE

16 SITUATION OF THAT INDIVIDUAL AND IF THEY ARE IN A

17 POTENTIAL CONTACT WITH HIGH RISK INDIVIDUALS.

18 >> CLOSE OUT WITH JJ, PLEASE.

19 >> GOVERNOR, I WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF

20 CORRECTIONS. THERE ARE REPORTS THAT SOAP IS RUNNING LOW,

21 INMATES ARE BEING MOVED AROUND IN LARGE NUMBERS. A, ARE

22 YOU SATISFIED WITH THE SITUATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF

23 CORRECTIONS AND THEY ARE READY TO HANDLE WHATEVER MAY



24 COME? AND THEN, B, ARE YOU CONSIDERING, WOULD YOU RELEASE

25 MEDICALLY FRAGILE, OLDER INMATES TO SORT OF REDUCE THE



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1 POPULATION, REDUCE THE RISK?

2 >> Governor Ducey: SO I WANT TO SAY I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN

3 DIRECTOR SHINN AND THE PLAN THAT HE HAS PUT FORWARD FOR

4 OUR DEPARTMENTS OF CORRECTION, REHABILITATION, AND

5 REENTRY. THIS IS A CONCERN THAT WE HAVE. WE DO NOT WANT

6 TO SEE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 OR REDUCE OR AVOID THE

7 SPREAD WHEREVER POSSIBLE. WE HAVE OF COURSE RESTRICTED

8 VISITATIONS, WE HAVE SET UP A TELEVISIT THAT WE CAN HAVE.

9 WE ARE MAKING SURE THERE'S TEMPERATURE TESTING FOR OUR  
10 CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WHO OF COURSE COME IN TO THE  
11 FACILITIES AND LEAVE THE FACILITIES, AND THEN WE ARE ALSO  
12 WORKING WITH THE INMATES THAT WORK OFF SITE FROM THE  
13 PRISON SO THAT THEY CAN BE PROTECTED AND NOT BRING SPREAD  
14 BACK TO THE PRISONS. THAT'S WHERE WE ARE ON THAT ISSUE TO  
15 DATE.

16 >> I JUST WANT TO FOLLOW UP ONE MORE QUESTION ON THE  
17 EXECUTIVE ORDER, TALKING ABOUT A POTENTIAL SHELTER IN  
18 PLACE, YOU CALL IT ADMINISTRATIVE STEP. WHAT METRIC ARE  
19 YOU LOOKING AT TO DETERMINE THIS IS WHEN -- WHEN WE HIT  
20 THIS, THIS IS WHEN I AM GOING TO CALL A SHELTER IN PLACE?  
21 >> Governor Ducey: I WORK AM WORKING WITH GUIDANCE FROM

22 CDC --

23 >> SO YOU WILL NOT MAKE THE DECISION?

24 >> Governor Ducey: WHEN AN EXECUTIVE ORDER IS ISSUED OR

25 DECLARATION IS MADE, IT IS MADE FROM THE GOVERNOR. I AM



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1 LISTENING TO THE SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS. I AM LISTENING

2 TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS, ALL 15 OF WHICH I HAVE

3 BEEN IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE ENTIRE TIME, DR. CARA CHRIST

4 AND THE LEADERS IN OUR FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF CENTERS OF

5 DISEASE CONTROL AND NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH. THAT'S

6 BEEN GUIDING ARIZONA'S DIRECTION.

7 >> WHAT ABOUT WITH TRANSPARENCY AND RELEASING CITIES THAT

8 THESE PEOPLE LIVE IN, MORE DATA THAT WE CAN GET, MAYBE

9 THOSE AREAS OF PEOPLE WILL BE LIKE THIS IS IN MY CITY,

10 MAYBE IT WILL --

11 >> Governor Ducey: WE ARE BEING AS TRANSPARENT -- YOU CAN

12 GO TO THE AZHEALTH.GOV WEBSITE. AS WE HAVE NEW STATISTICS

13 AND FIGURES THEY ARE POSTED DAILY.

14 >> BUT I HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR CITIES AND THEY SAY WE

15 CAN'T GIVE THAT DATA. OTHER STATES ARE. MORE

16 TRANSPARENCY IN SEEING THE LIST OF WHERE THESE PEOPLE ARE,

17 WOULDN'T THAT HELP THE PUBLIC UNDERSTAND WHERE THE SPREAD

18 IS, WHAT'S GOING ON?

19 >> Governor Ducey: WE ARE FOLLOWING BEST PRACTICES. AND

20 LIKE I SAID, I AM WORKING WITH DR. CARA CHRIST.

21 >> ONE MORE FROM --

22 >> YOUR FRIEND BILL GATES GOT MARICOPA COUNTY TO PROVIDE

23 A LOT. MAYBE OTHER COUNTIES CAN DO THE SAME?

24 >> Governor Ducey: WE ARE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND MORE

25 DATA.



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1 >> HERE IS THE QUESTION, FAMILIES, MANY PARENTS WHO SHARE

2 CUSTODY ARE FINDING RIGHT NOW THAT ONE OR THE OTHER SPOUSE

3 WON'T FOLLOW THE COURT ORDER AND HAND OVER A CHILD TO THE

4 OTHER EX-SPOUSE ON TIME THE WAY THEY SHOULD. IS THAT

5 SOMETHING YOU COULD PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON? WHO SHOULD

6 PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON THAT TO PARENTS WITH THAT KIND OF

7 SHARED CUSTODY?

8 >> Governor Ducey: ALL ARIZONANS SHOULD FOLLOW THE LAW

9 AND COURT ORDERS ALL OF THE TIME ESPECIALLY IN A TIME LIKE

10 THIS PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS.

11 >> THANK YOU, EVERYONE.

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